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1. IN INTERVIEW IN TIME MAGAZINE JULY 8, 1974, PAGE 23, DEFENSE MINISTER PERES MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS RE TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. QUOTE: ISRAEL DOES NOT POSSESS TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS OBJECTED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THERE IS ENOUGH TENSION WITH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. ADDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS IMPLY TOO DANGEROUS, AND ANY RESPONSIBLE PARTY MUST BE AGAINST THAT. END QUOTE.

2. ACCORDING TO JERUSALEM POST JULY 15, PRIME MINISTER RABIN ADDRESSED NUCLEAR ISSUE ON ABC'S "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" ON JULY 14. RABIN REPORTEDLY STATED THAT ISRAEL IS NOT A "NUCLEAR COUNTRY IN MILITARY TERMS," BUT DECLINED TO SAY IF ISRAEL IS CAPABLE OF PUTTING TOGETHER A NUCLEAR WEAPON UPON SHORT NOTICE. RABIN STATED HE WAS " IN NO POSITION TO GIVE IT A REALLY ESTABLISHED ANSWER."

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3. TO BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE , THESE ARE MOST RECENT AND
AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENTS BY SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS RE ISRAEL'S
NUCLEAR CAPABILILITES.
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